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Recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education.

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Whereas school music programs enhance intellectual development and enrich the academic environment for students of all ages;

Whereas students who participate in school music programs are less likely to be involved with drugs, gangs, or alcohol and have better attendance in school;

Whereas the skills gained through sequential music instruction, including discipline and the ability to analyze, solve problems, communicate, and work cooperatively, are vital for success in the 21st century workplace;

Whereas the majority of students attending public schools in inner city neighborhoods have virtually no access to music education, which places them at a disadvantage compared to their peers in other communities;

Whereas local budget cuts are predicted to lead to significant curtailment of school music programs, thereby depriving millions of students of an education that includes music;

Whereas the arts are a core academic subject, and music is an essential element of the arts; and

Whereas every student in the United States should have an opportunity to reap the benefits of music education: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That—*

3 (1) it is the sense of the Congress that music
4 education grounded in rigorous instruction is an im-
5 portant component of a well-rounded academic cur-
6 rriculum and should be available to every student in
7 every school; and

8 (2) the Congress recognizes NAMM, the Inter-
9 national Music Products Association for its efforts
10 to designate a Music in Our Schools Month in order
11 to highlight the important role that school music

- 1 programs play in the academic and social develop-
- 2 ment of children.

Passed the House of Representatives May 4, 2004.

Attest:

Clerk.